Page 32, line 24, after "tickets.", insert --FIG. 13 is a flow chart of an exemplary process 1300 by which a customer may purchase one or more lottery tickets instead of receiving change during a merchandise transaction. With reference to FIG. 13, the process 1300 begins in step 1301 wherein a POS terminal operator employs a POS terminal to input information related to an item to be purchased by the customer and an amount of money tendered by the customer to pay for the item. In step 1302, the POS terminal calculates an amount of change due to the customer based on the amount of money tendered to pay for the item. In step 1303, the POS terminal allows the customer to purchase at least one lottery ticket based on the amount of change due to the customer; and in step 1304, the POS terminal operator receives a request from the customer to purchase one or more lottery tickets in exchange for the amount of change due to the customer. In step 1305, the POS terminal records (on a recording medium) the merchandise transaction and the amount of lottery tickets purchased with the calculated amount of change. Following step 1305 the process 1300 ends. --.

IN THE CLAIMS:
Please AMEND claims 52, 55 and 58 as indicated below.

For ease of reading, claims *53, 54 and 59*, which have been neither canceled nor amended, are presented below in bold to assist the examiner in reading all of the currently pending claims.

52.   (AMENDED) A method for performing a lottery ticket transaction at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:
calculating a change amount of a merchandise transaction;
[providing a prompt for a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount;]
receiving a request to purchase a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount;
transmitting a request for a lottery ticket, the request including the change amount;
receiving lottery ticket information that is based on the change amount; and
printing the lottery ticket information on a receipt if the request to purchase a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount is received, the lottery ticket information including a plurality of lottery numbers.

53.   The method of claim 52, further comprising:
generating merchandise information;
and in which the step of printing comprises:
printing the lottery ticket information and the merchandise information on the receipt.

54.   The method of claim 52, in which the lottery ticket information comprises at least one of a price, an authentication code, and a plurality of lottery numbers.

55.   (AMENDED) An apparatus for performing a lottery ticket transaction, comprising:

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a processor; and
a memory connected to the processor,
the memory storing executable program instructions,
the processor operative with the program instructions to
calculate a change amount of a merchandise transaction,
[provide a prompt for a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount,]
receive a request to purchase a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount,
transmit a request for a lottery ticket,
receive lottery ticket information that is based on the change amount, and
print the lottery ticket information on a receipt if the request to purchase a lottery
ticket in exchange for the change amount is received, the lottery ticket information including a
plurality of lottery numbers.

5 58. (AMENDED) A method for performing a lottery ticket transaction at a point-of-sale
terminal, comprising:
receiving a request for a lottery ticket;
calculating a change amount of a merchandise transaction;
[providing a prompt for a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount;]
receiving a request to purchase a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount;
calculating a fractional amount of a full lottery ticket, the full lottery ticket having a full
price, the fractional amount being based on the change amount and the full price; and
storing in a database, if the request to purchase a lottery ticket in exchange for the
change amount is received, an indication of the fractional amount and an indication of the full
lottery ticket, the indication of the full lottery ticket including a plurality of lottery numbers.

**59. The method of claim 58, further comprising:
generating an authentication code based on the fractional amount and the full
lottery ticket.**

Please ADD new claims 60-62 as indicated below.

60. A method for performing a lottery ticket transaction at a point-of-sale terminal,
comprising:
calculating a change amount of a merchandise transaction;
receiving a request to purchase a lottery ticket in exchange for the change amount; and
printing lottery ticket information on a receipt if the request to purchase a lottery ticket
in exchange for the change amount is received.

61. A method for use at a point-of-sale terminal, comprising:
receiving a request from a customer to purchase goods;
calculating a change amount for the customer during the purchase of the goods;
selling at least one fractional lottery ticket to the customer based on the change amount;
and